member countries to counter threats to peace, security and stability of the region.

(c) This was the first meeting attended by India as Observer.

Membership of OIC

2570. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Organisation of Islamic Countries had invited Russia to join it with an observer status; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to seek membership for India with the said organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Participation of Indian Navy in Proliferation Security Initiative

2571. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy would participate in the United States sponsored Proliferation Security Initiative;

(b) whether Government had conveyed its decision to participate in the said initiative; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been no formal invitation to India to join the Proliferation Security Initiative so far.

(c) Does not arise.

G-8 Global Arms Exporters' Report

2572. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across a report titled "The G-8: Global Arms Exporters" released by Amnesty and Oxfam, on the alleged export of arms by G-8 countries to oppressive regimes are used to suppress human rights;

(b) whether India has any on-going contracts for supply of arms with any of these G-8 nations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India has developed a large indigenous industrial base for meeting its defence requirements. The government also supplements this with arms supply from other advanced nations, including from G-8, where required.

Visit of Afghan Minister to India

2573. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the outcome of visit of Afghan Foreign Minister recently in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Foreign Minister of Afghanistan visited India from 3-4 July 2005. During his visit he called on the Prime Minister and held talks with the External Affairs Minister. In the meetings with Indian leaders, bilateral issues including India's assistance towards Afghanistan's reconstruction were discussed. Regional and international issues of common concern were also discussed in the meetings.

Terrorist Training Camps in Pakistan

†2574. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has stated in an interview with BBC while attending the meeting of G-4 Countries held in London recently that our country has proof of training camps running for terrorists in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Pakistan had denied this report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have apprised the World community about the said proof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.